

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 558

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

February 20, 2013

An act to add Section 52124.4 to the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 558, as introduced, Cooley. Class size reduction.

Existing law establishes the Class Size Reduction Program under which a participating school district or county office of education establishes a program to reduce class size in kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive, to 20 or fewer pupils. Existing law, provides that, if a school district receives funding pursuant to those provisions but has not implemented its class size reduction program for all grades and classes for which it received funding, then an amount equal to the amount received by the school district shall pursuant to those provisions be deducted by the Controller from the next principal apportionment to the district. Existing law, for the 2008–09, 2009–10, 2010–11, 2012–13, and 2013–14 fiscal years, provides for an adjustment to the amount of the deduction pursuant to a certain schedule based on the number of pupils greater than or equal to 20.5 per class who were enrolled.

This bill, for the 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 fiscal years, would provide for an adjustment to the deduction pursuant to a certain schedule based on the number of pupils greater than or equal to 20.5 per class who were enrolled.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

(a) California has the largest class sizes in the country.

(b) Small class sizes are key to improving a pupil's learning.

(c) Smaller class sizes are especially necessary for the educational development of high need pupils.

(d) Small class sizes have helped to increase pupil test scores and overall learning across the state.

SEC. 2. Section 52124.4 is added to the Education Code, to read:

52124.4. (a) For the 2014–15 fiscal year, the amounts deducted pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 52124 shall be as follows:

(1) Seven percent of the amount to which the school district would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is greater than or equal to 20.5 but less than 21.0.

(2) Fifteen percent of the amount to which the school district would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is greater than or equal to 21.0 but less than 21.5.

(3) Twenty percent of the amount to which the school district would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is greater than or equal to 21.5 but less than 21.9.

(b) For the 2015–16 fiscal year, the amounts deducted pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 52124 shall be as follows:

(1) Ten percent of the amount to which the school district would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is greater than or equal to 20.5 but less than 21.0.

(2) Twenty-five percent of the amount to which the school district would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is greater than or equal to 21.0 but less than 21.5.

(3) Forty percent of the amount to which the school district would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is greater than or equal to 21.5 but less than 21.9.

1 (c) For the 2016–17 fiscal year, the amounts deducted pursuant
2 to subdivision (d) of Section 52124 shall be as follows:

3 (1) Fifteen percent of the amount to which the school district
4 would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual
5 average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is
6 greater than or equal to 20.5 but less than 21.0.

7 (2) Thirty-five percent of the amount to which the school district
8 would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual
9 average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is
10 greater than or equal to 21.0 but less than 21.5.

11 (3) Sixty percent of the amount to which the school district
12 would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual
13 average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is
14 greater than or equal to 21.5 but less than 21.9.

15 (d) For the 2017–18 fiscal year, the amounts deducted pursuant
16 to subdivision (d) of Section 52124 shall be as follows:

17 (1) Twenty percent of the amount to which the school district
18 would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual
19 average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is
20 greater than or equal to 20.5 but less than 21.0.

21 (2) Forty percent of the amount to which the school district
22 would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual
23 average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is
24 greater than or equal to 21.0 but less than 21.5.

25 (3) Eighty percent of the amount to which the school district
26 would otherwise be eligible for each class for which the annual
27 average enrollment determined pursuant to Section 52124.5 is
28 greater than or equal to 21.5 but less than 21.9.